

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

The Dedication Of The Lateran Basilica

November 9, 2014



Dear parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Dedication of St. John Lateran. St. John Lateran is the cathedral church of the Diocese of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope.

It is the oldest and ranks first among the four Papal Basilicas or major basilicas of Rome (having the cathedra of the Bishop of Rome), and the oldest church in the West. The other three major basilicas of Rome are St. Peter, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul outside the Walls.

Inside above the altar are two mitre-like reliquaries. One contains the head of St. Peter; the other, the head of St. Paul. Along the entire apse of the church are enormous statues of each of the twelve apostles.

Two interesting things about this basilica are that this is the church where the Holy Father celebrates the Holy Thursday liturgy—until this year when Pope Francis washed the feet of twelve prisoners in a prison. Across the street from the front of the basilica is a large statue of St. Francis of Assisi and his followers. This represents St. Francis and his brothers coming to St. John Lateran in 1210 to ask Pope Innocence III to approve his rule.

Sister Carol

**Thank you** to Roy Couch and the Bluffton University students for providing such beautiful music for our liturgy. We appreciate your letting us be the beneficiaries of your gift back to God.

## Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 8	4:00 p.m.	Murphy & Immele families
Sun Nov 9	10:00 a.m.	Theda Hankish
Sat Nov 15	4:00 p.m.	Jim Alt and The Nussbaum & Reddington families
Sun Nov 16	10:00 a.m.	Gene Badertscher and Imajeane Mathewson

## Communion Services

Tue Nov 11	10:30 a.m.	Richland
Fri Nov 14	8:00 a.m.	St. Mary's

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,010.00	Loose	\$430.00
Children	\$ 33.00	Total	\$3,473.00

**82 envelopes returned = 39%**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*Thank you also to those who give electronically!!*

## Assignments for November 15 & 16, 2014

**Money Counters:** Janet Begg, Tonya Meyer

**4:00 p.m.**

**Greeter:** Basil Meyer

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** John Parinello and Chuck Niese

**Lector:** Jim Kinn

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diana Bucher and Jennifer Tschuor

**Servers:** Alyson and Abigail Kettels

**10:00 a.m.**

**Greeter-East door:** Kelly Yarnell

**Greeter-West Door:** Steve Yarnell

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough

**Ushers:** Jerry and Jeanne Wehri

**Lectors:** Judy Lester and Joe Herrmann

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Marcum, Kim and Josh Garmatter, Tricia Herrmann

**Servers:** Joel Siefker, Anthony Kiser

## **Readings for November 16, 2014**

### **33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

**The Finance Council** will meet Tuesday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m.

**150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Christmas ornaments** will be available for pick-up starting the weekend of November 22nd & 23rd after Mass.

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**We will take up a food collection** for the Bluffton Food Pantry. You may bring your donations the weekend before or to Mass on Thanksgiving Day.

**Support Our Retired Priests:** Please consider a donation to Perpetuate the Gift. The envelopes are on the shelf in the main entrance of church. You can place your offering in the collection over the next few weeks.

**Veterans Day Mass** St. John the Evangelist Parish in Delphos, Ohio, is hosting the Third Annual Veterans Day Mass on Sunday, November 16, 2014. Mass will begin at 2 pm, celebrated by Reverend David Reinhart, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Parish. All veterans, their families, friends, and supporters are welcome to attend. Please join in honoring our veterans for their service and sacrifice. For more information, contact St. John the Evangelist Parish at 419-695-4050.

**Adoptive Families, Birth Mothers Invited to a Special Mass** In celebration of National Adoption Month, Catholic Charities invites all members of the adoption triad – adoptees, adoptive parents, and birth mothers – to celebrate Mass and receive a special blessing at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo at 4 p.m., Saturday, November 15. A reception will follow Mass. Those involved in an adoption through any agency are welcome. For more information about Catholic Charities' infant adoption services, please contact [Lworthy@toledodiocese.org](mailto:Lworthy@toledodiocese.org) or 419-244-6711, ext. 227.

**Birth Parent Informational Meeting** Unexpected pregnancy can be scary. You don't have to make decisions alone. Join us on Thursday, November 20, from 7-8:30 p.m. to learn about parenting and adoption. The evening will feature a mother who chose adoption and a mother who chose to parent. Light refreshments will be provided. Call or text Catholic Charities at 419.705.9192 to let us know you are coming or to talk to a birth parent advocate.

**The Service Group of the Mennonite Home** Communities of Ohio will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Bake Sale on Friday, Nov. 21 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the MMH lobby. The bake sale will feature a variety of home baked goods including delicious cinnamon rolls, cakes, pies, noodles and breads. Anyone wanting to donate a home baked good to this fundraiser can find the sign-up sheet on the shelf in the narthex.

**Family Art Service Project** Pick up your Thanksgiving pumpkin project in the lobby and have some fun with your family. Return the finished pumpkin by November 16<sup>th</sup> to the church. The Thanksgiving Pumpkins will be shared with local nursing homes. Instructions are provided with the project. If you have questions please call Judy Lester at 419-889-4082.

## St. Mary's Parish History

### *DID YOU KNOW?*

The land that was purchased with Paris Owens' money by his parents is the land that was St. Mary's until we purchased the adjoining lots in 2000. The original land was purchased for \$80 from Charles and Jane Godfrey for Rt. Rev. Amadeus Rappe, bishop of Cleveland, on March 8, 1864. That is equivalent to about \$1160 today. Paris' older brother Andrew Jackson Owens used to come each Sunday to light the fire to warm the church, to pick the readings and the songs. Andrew and his wife Anna had a home on Main Street where Tu Pueblo is today. He could walk straight down the alley to get to St. Mary's.

**We are hoping** to give an opportunity to form small faith-sharing groups for the six weeks of Lent. So that we have plenty of time to accomplish this well we are looking for some of you who might be willing to be small group leaders. If you are interested in finding out about this or in volunteering to do this, please talk to Judy Lester or Shar Dunlap. You may also call the office.

## P.R.E.P

**Children's Liturgy** is during the 10 o'clock Mass.

**K-6:** Class is Wed., November 12th, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Also, there is a Parents Meeting for Reconciliation. 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders will have cookies and punch with Father.

**Junior High & SNLY:** Next class is Sunday, November 16th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Youth Council** meeting today, Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 – 12:00.